Soka Gakkai International

Soka Gakkai International (SGI) is a socially engaged Buddhist network which promotes peace, culture and education, with over 12 million members around the world.

The “Seeds of Hope” exhibition was created by SGI in partnership with the Earth Charter International as a resource for the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-14). The “Learn, Reflect, Empower” formula used in this exhibition was introduced by SGI President Daisaku Ikeda in a proposal on education for sustainable development for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002.

SGI’s activities in the field of sustainability are underpinned by its Buddhist philosophy which stresses interconnectedness and the inseparability of life and its environment.

SGI-Brazil’s Amazon Ecological Conservation Center is engaged in reforestation, environmental education, protection of endangered species and creating a seed bank for Amazonian trees.

The concept of “human revolution,” whereby a positive change within the life of a single individual can spark a process of global change, is central to SGI’s philosophy of empowerment and social contribution.

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Learning about reforestation at the Amazon Ecological Conservation Center

“...A great human revolution in just a single individual will help achieve a change in the destiny of a nation and, further, will enable a change in the destiny of all humankind.”

Daisaku Ikeda
SGI President

The Earth Charter International

The Earth Charter is a declaration of values and principles for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society. It was launched in 2000 and has now been endorsed by UNESCO, several national and local governments, numerous conservation organizations, faith groups, businesses and individuals.

The Earth Charter Initiative is a network of individuals and groups actively promoting the Earth Charter in more than 70 countries.

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